GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ROAD OVERBRIDGE AT PULLEPPADY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of construction of road-overbridge at Pulleppady in Ernakulam under Southern Railway;

(b) the reasons for delay in the completion of work on the bridge;

(c) the cost overrun due to delay in completion of work within the stipulated time alongwith the revised cost of the project as on date; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite and complete the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a): On bridge proper across tracks almost all works have been completed except the track span. Work on approaches has been completed upto 92%.

(b) State Government delayed approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) and Detailed Estimate for approaches. Speed restriction was not available in time to start work. Contractor had asked for hike in rates which cannot be accepted as per terms & conditions of contract. Hence, foreclosure of existing agreement and call for fresh tender to fix new agency is proposed.

(c) The work was sanctioned in 2000-01 at the cost of Rs. 5.56cr as Railway's share of cost. Railway portion of work is likely to be completed within the sanctioned cost.(d): Necessary action has been initiated to foreclose the present agreement and fix up the new agency at the earliest and all out efforts will be made to get the work completed by year end.